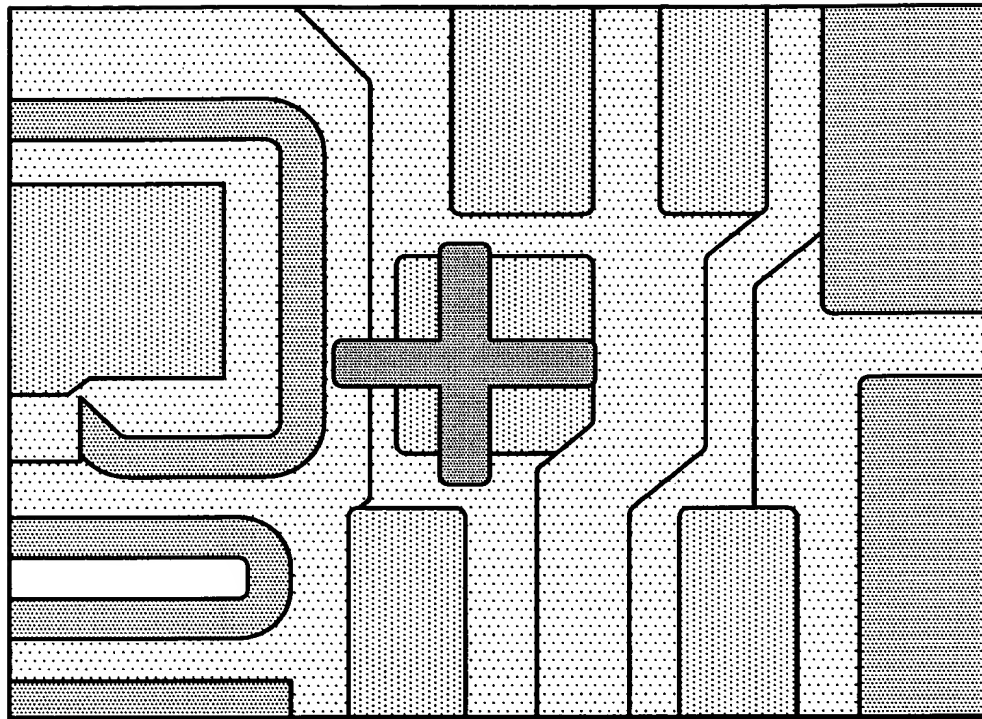


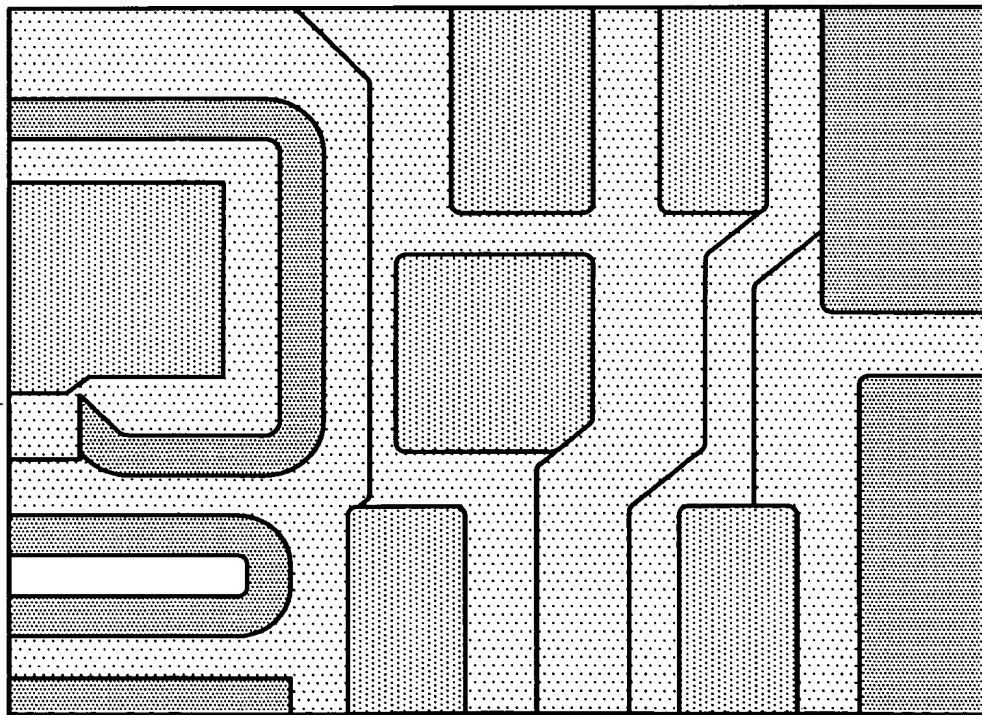


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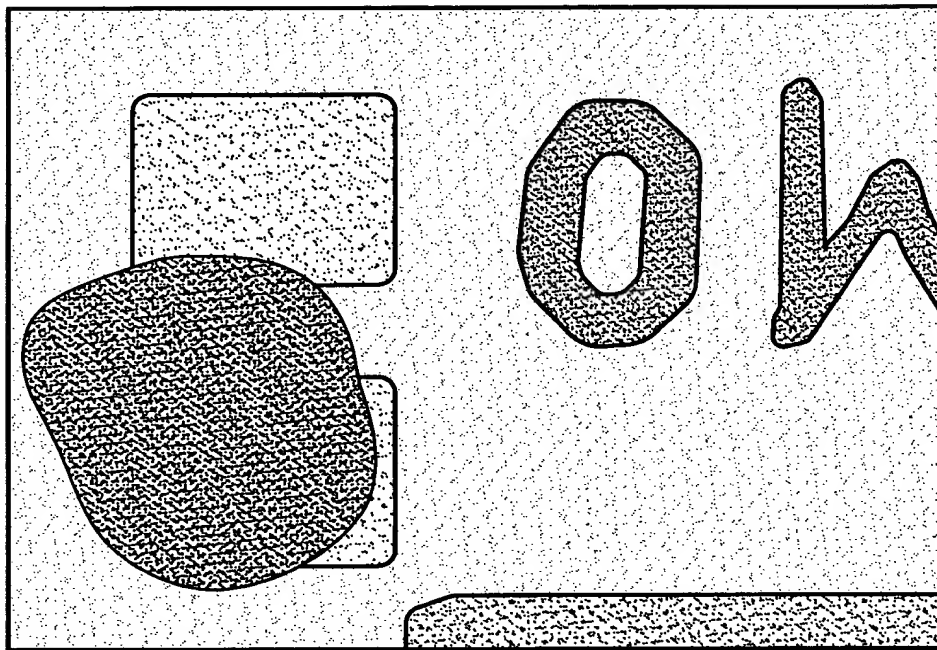
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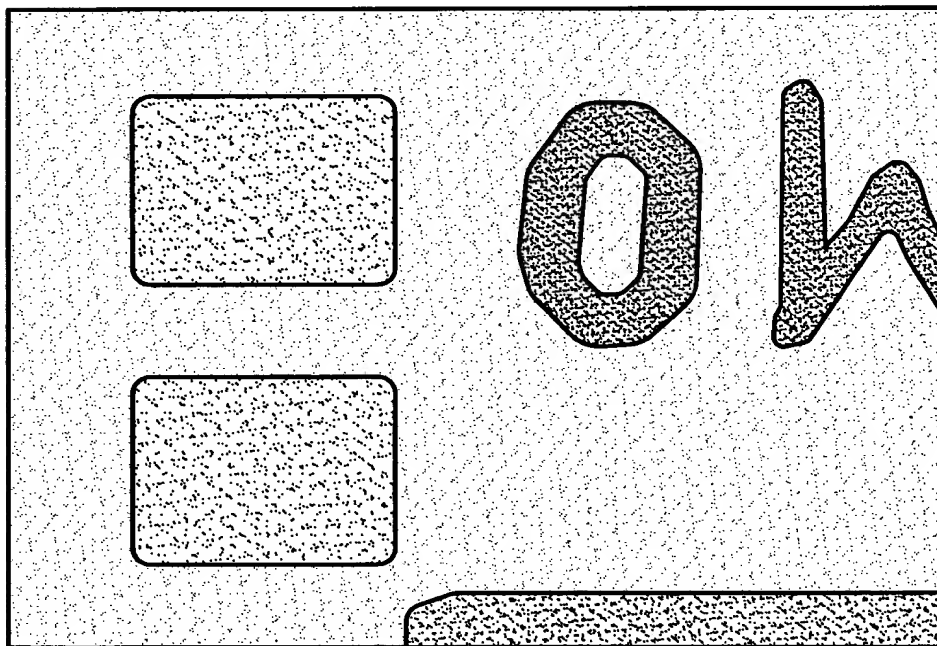
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**FIG. 1a**



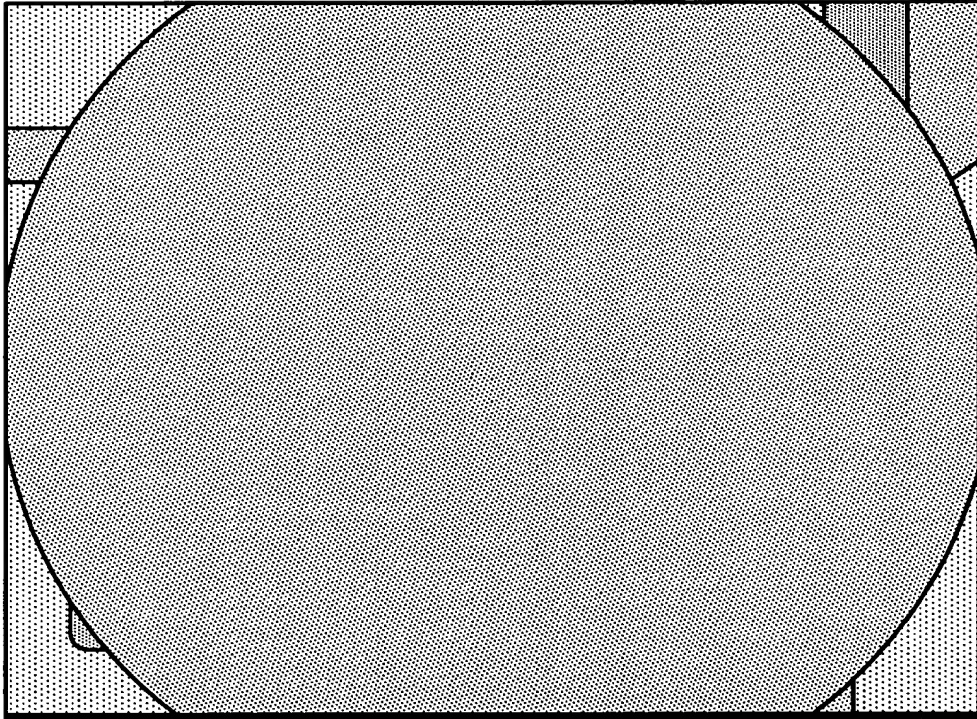
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**FIG. 1b**



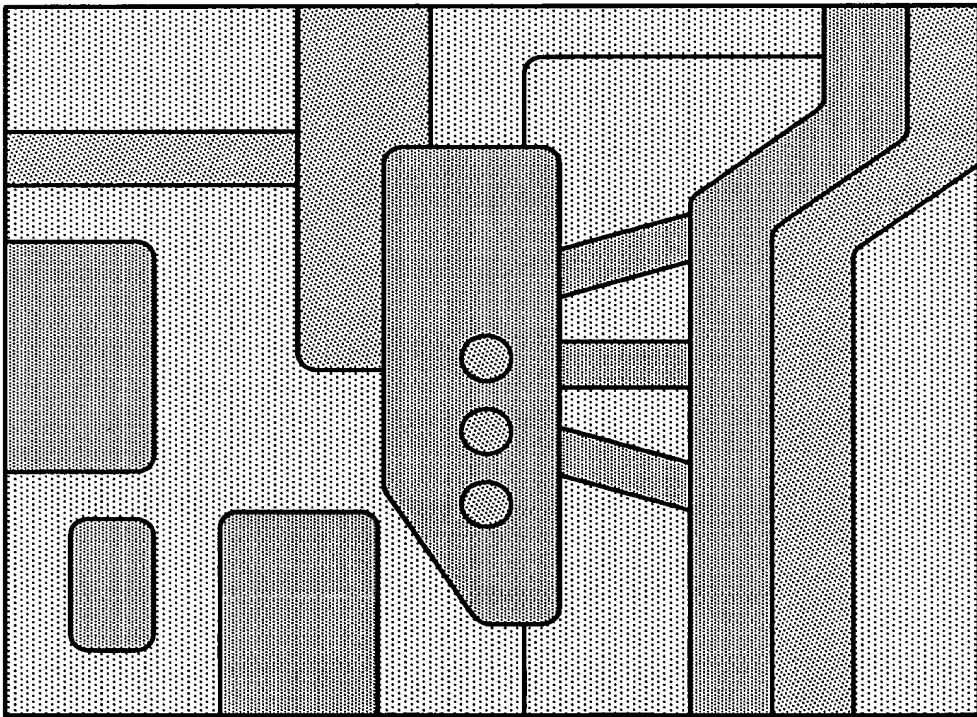
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**FIG. 2a**



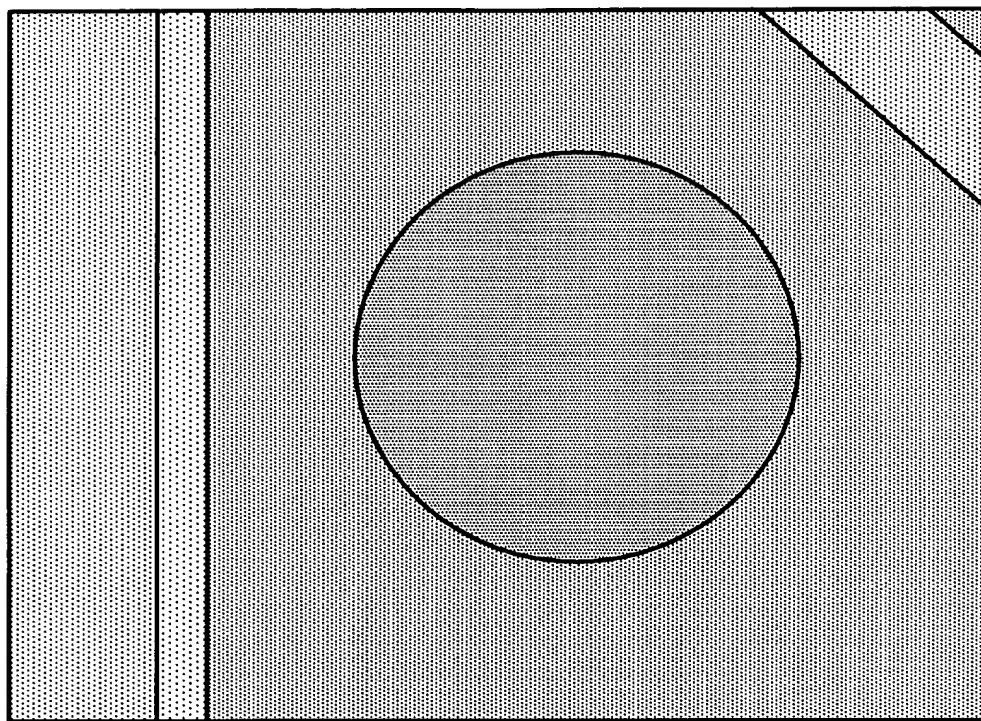
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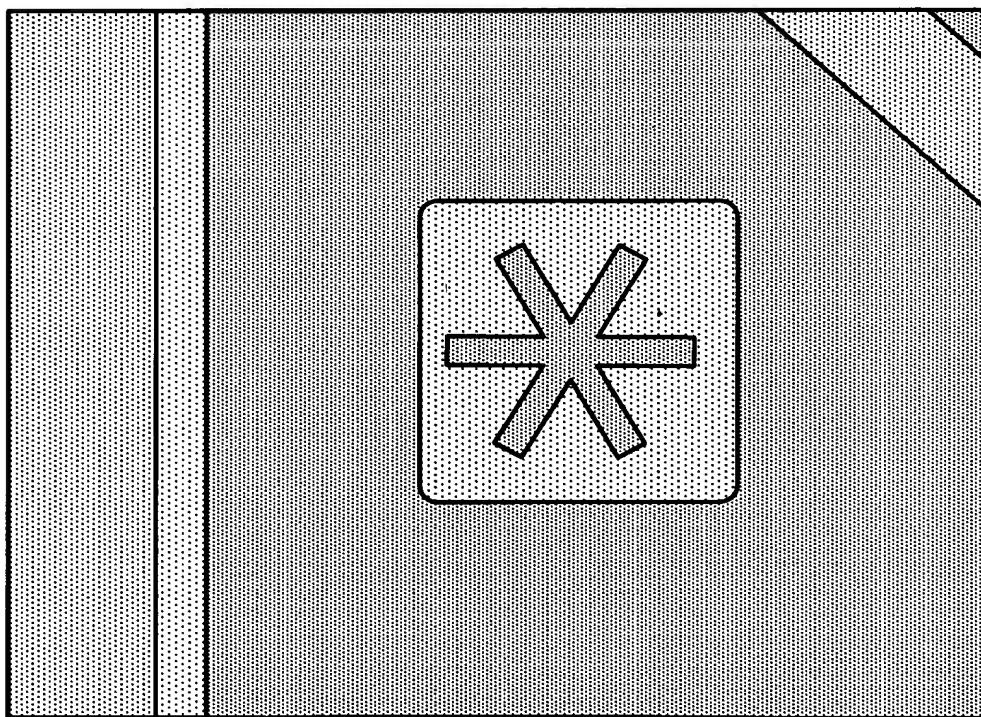
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**FIG. 3a**



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**FIG. 3b**



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**FIG. 4a**



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**FIG. 4b**

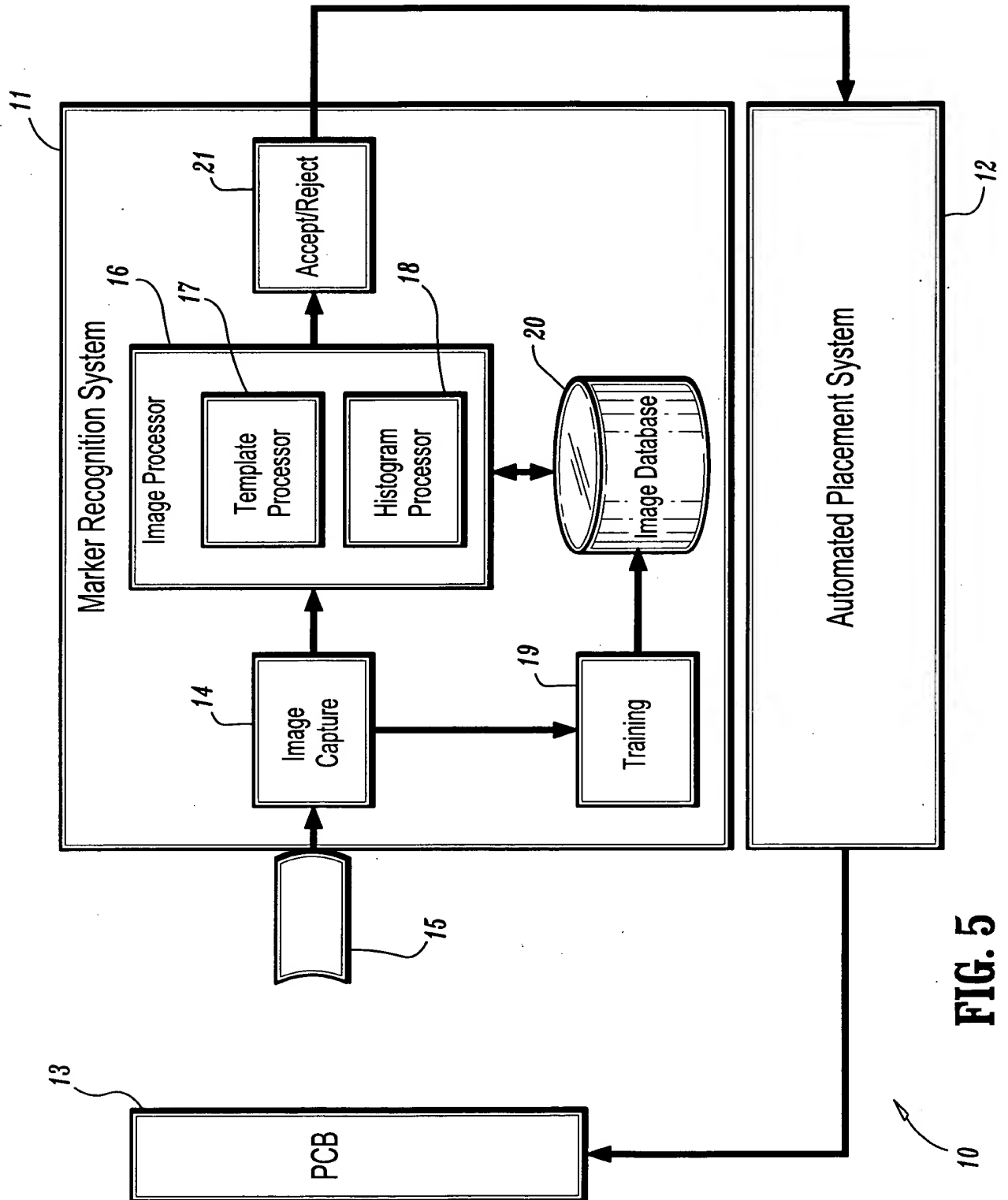
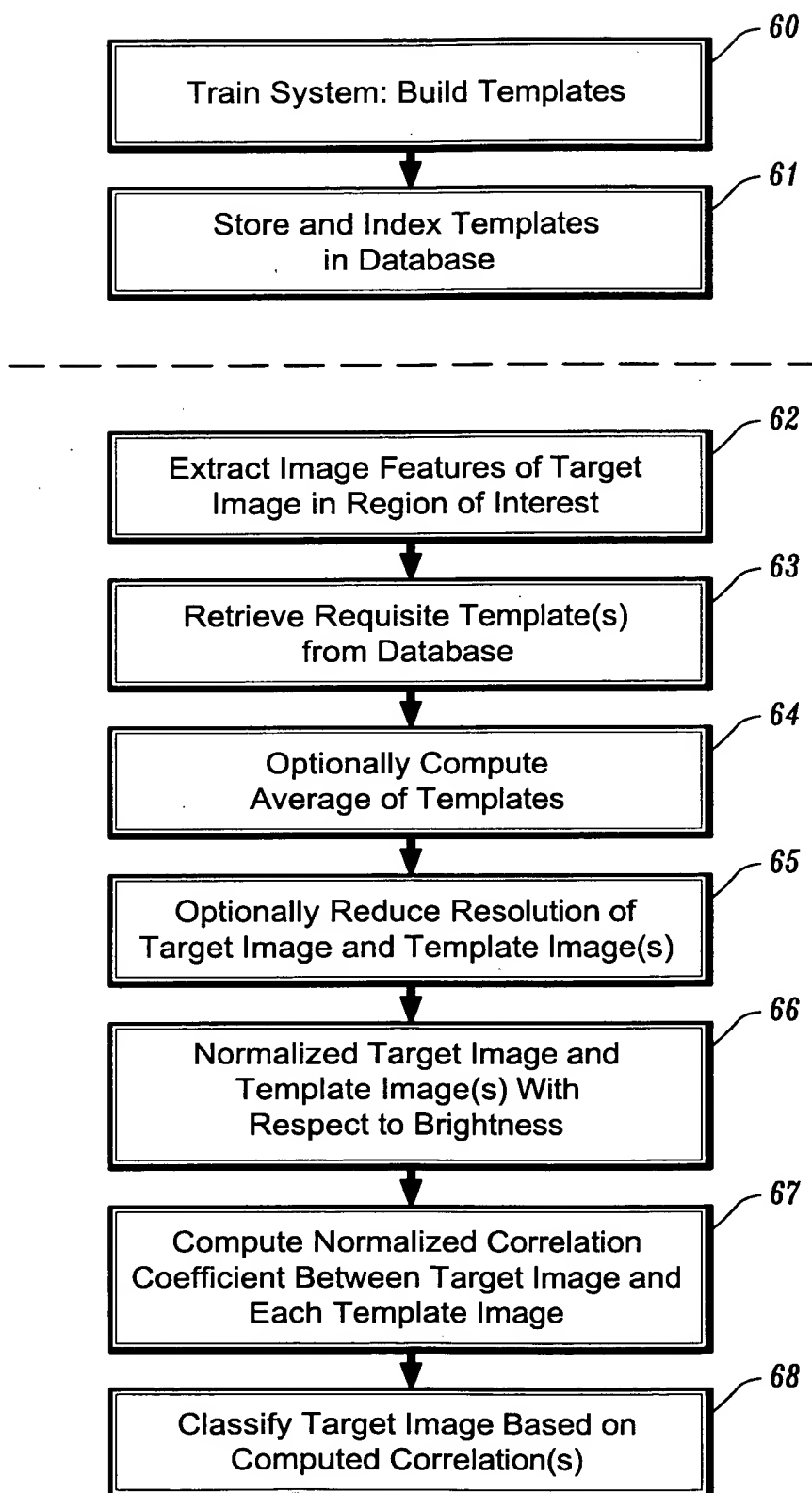
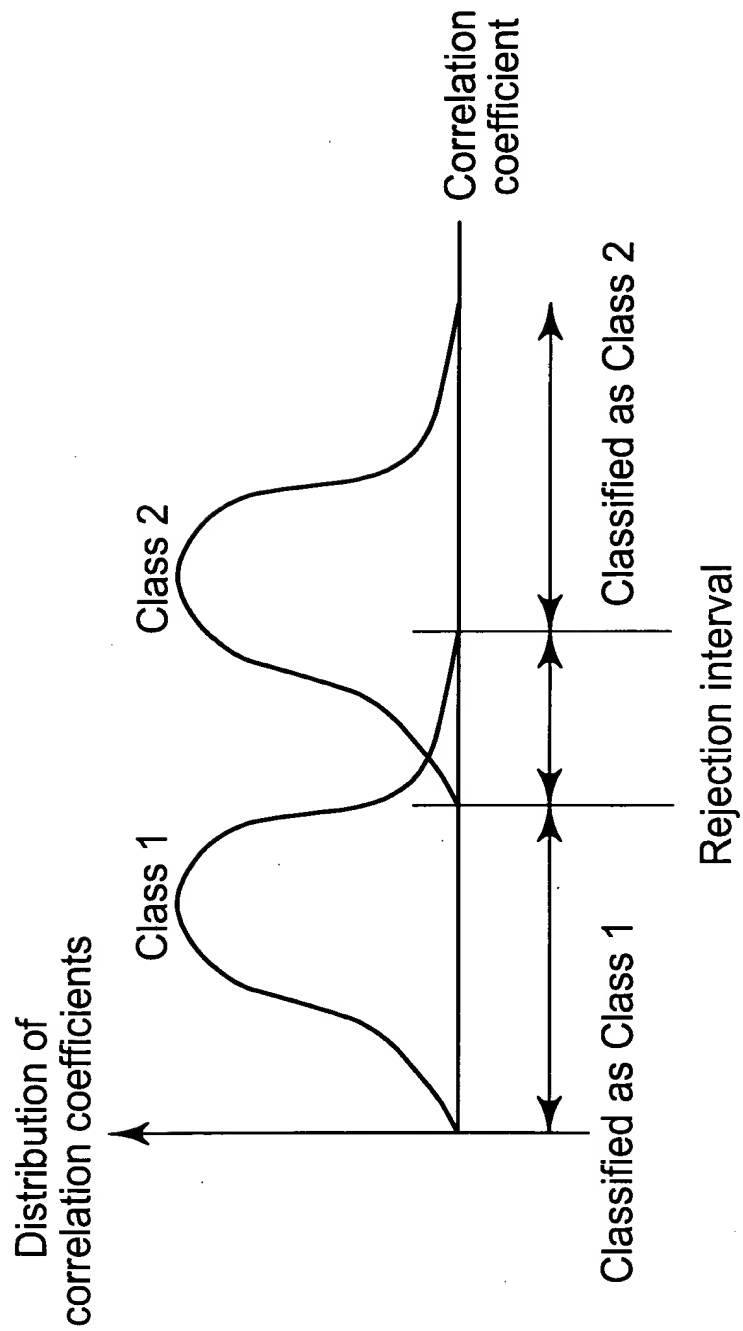


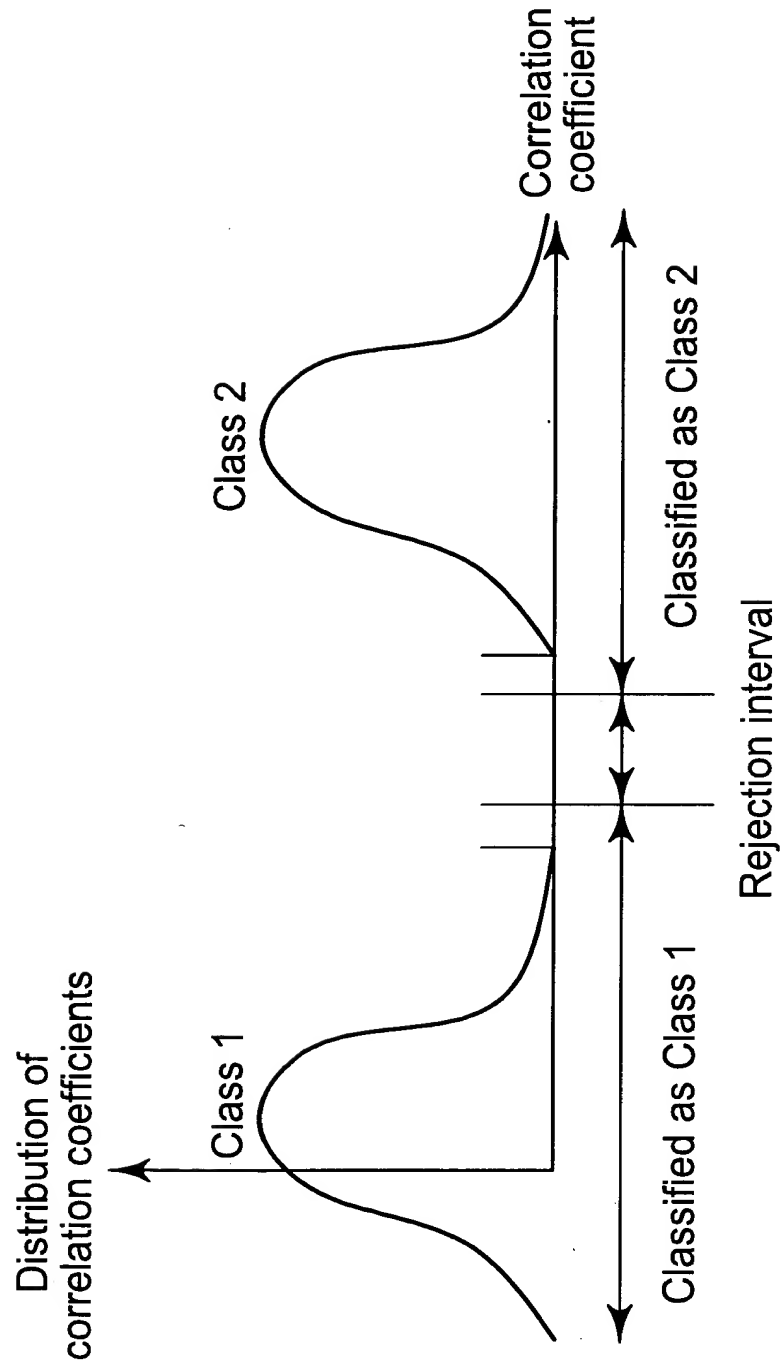
FIG. 5

**FIG. 6**



Automatic determination of thresholds for overlapping class distributions.

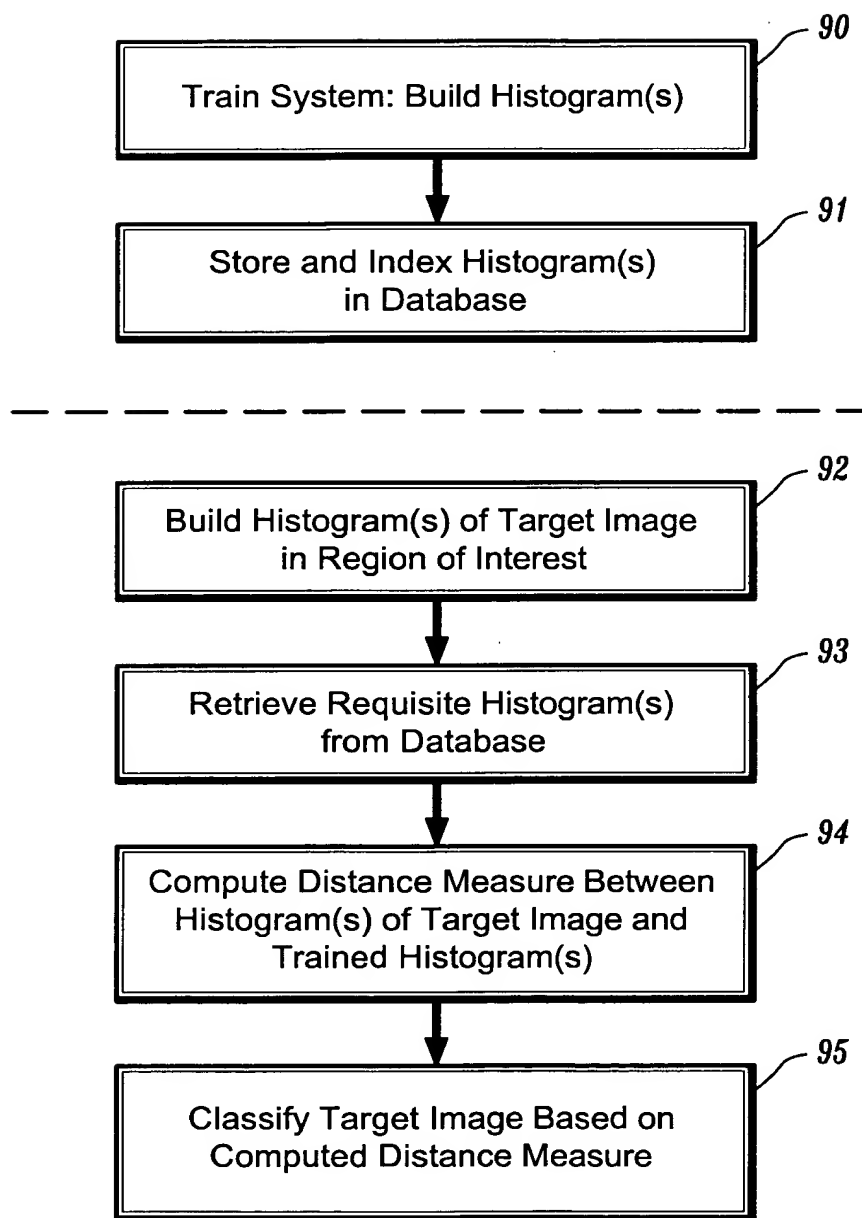
**FIG. 7**

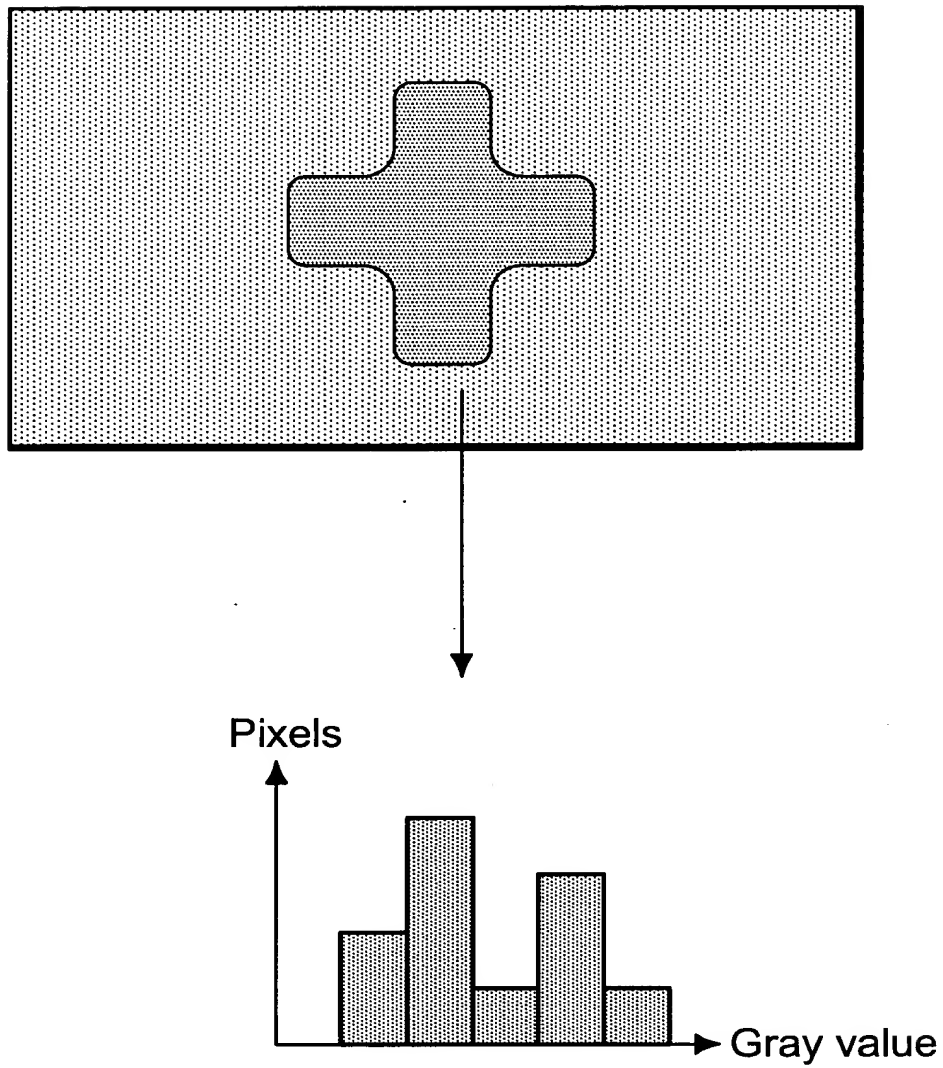


Automatic threshold determination for non-overlapping class distributions.

**FIG. 8**

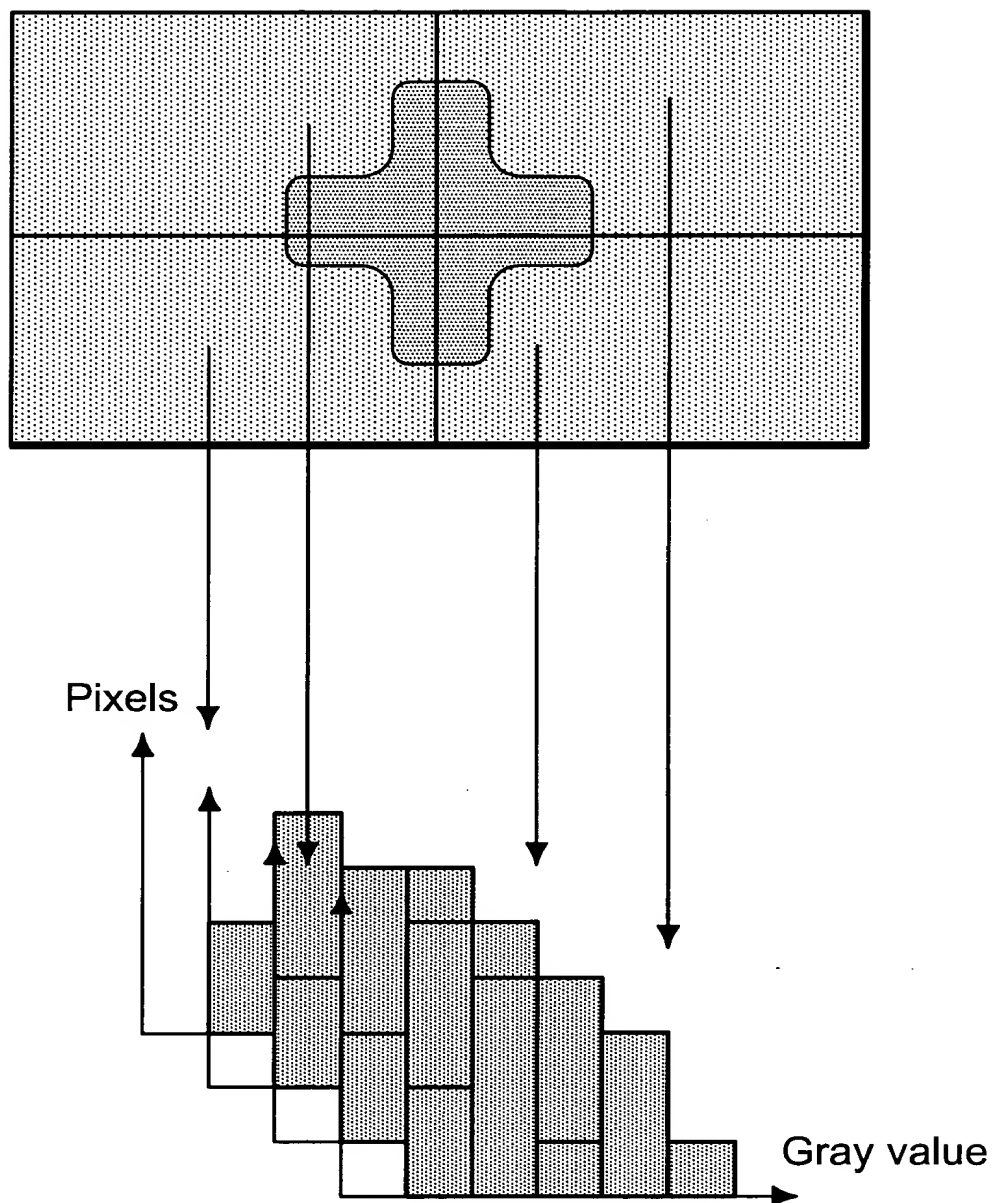


**FIG. 9**



*Extraction of a global histogram*

**FIG. 10a**



*Extraction of multiple local histograms for marker recognition.*

**FIG. 10b**